Minutes

Of The

One Hundred Sixty Eighth

Annual Session

Of The

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Hosted By

CROOKED CREEK CHURCH

Union County, North Carolina

September 15, 16, 17

2000

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Proceedings
Of The 168th Annual Session Of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

Friday, September 15, 2000

The association convened at The Agri-Civic Center in Albemarle, NC hosted by Crooked Creek Primitive Baptist Church. The congregation engaged in songs of praise after which Elder Charles Smith led in prayer and Elder Larry Austin, pastor of Crooked Creek Church preached the introductory sermon using Mark 8:18 as a text.

After a break for refreshments and fellowship, the association opened with prayer by Elder Charles Crapse and convened for business. Elder Larry Austin served as moderator, Brother W. T. Broadway served as clerk and Brother Ken Austin was called to serve as assistant clerk. Brother Austin stated that he had served as assistant clerk since 1977 and although he was not exhausted, he felt he should step aside for some younger brother to take that position. He asked the association to call Brother Tim Herrin to assist him and his request was granted.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches whose messengers were announced by the clerk and their status noted.

CROOKED CREEK: Represented by entire membership.

HIGH POINT: Brethren Don Bowman, Lindsey Allen, Joe Myers and Hal Bouldin.

MEADOW CREEK: Brethren Joe Robinson, Gene Herrin, Marshall Gaskey and Jay C. Huneycutt.

PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Scott Cole, Grayson Auman, Barry Cole and John Payne.

HIGH HILL: Brethren Howard Edwards, Kevin Chaney, Don Broome and Randall Helms.

PARKVIEW: Brethren Keith Mounce, Elwood Ashby, John Brooks and Scott Bullard.

LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Eldridge Furr, Burin Medlin, Joe Hatley and Alan Medlin.

PLEASANT GROVE: Elder Rommie Williams, Brethren Dave Smith, Bill Simpson and John Bowlin.

UNION GROVE: Brethren Barry Helms, Clinton Cox, Melvin Clontz and Mitch Austin.

BEAR CREEK: Brethren Tom Robinson, Greg Almond, Coy Almond and David Anderson.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Brethren Lane Vanhoy, Sherrill Vanhoy, Mike Carter and Lynn Huneycutt.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Brethren Tommy Horne, Mike Helms, Ronnie Whitley and Truby High.

BETHEL: Brethren Mason Anderson, Edward Pressley, Douglas McLamb and Charles Gore.

CORINTH: Brethren Kenneth Putman, Jim Briscoe, Jennings Hough and Phillip Brafford.

HERRIN'S GROVE: Brethren Joe Furr, Clyde Smith, Homer Freeman, Mark Wright and Randy Cunningham.

MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren Joe Almond, Warren Griffin, Johnny Efird and Reid Shue.

NEW HOPE: Brethren C. R. Smith and Edsel Thomas.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None received.

4. The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance and appointed the following:

PREACHING COMMITTEE: Elders Joe Helms and Charles Smith, Brethren Dennis Pressley, Ray Almond and Chris Broadway.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Elders Newell Helms and Rommie Williams, Brethren Lane Vanhoy, John Brooks and Barry Cole.

5. Called for presbytery reports: In compliance with a request from Liberty Hill Primitive Baptist church the following formed a presbytery on Friday, May 5, 2000 and ordained Brother Eldridge Furr to the office of deacon:

ELDERS: Rom Kerley, Larry Austin, Joe Helms, Rommie Williams, Richard Kirby, Newell Helms, Gene Hogan and Steven Nichols.

DEACONS: Reece Eury, Burin Medlin, Kim Honeycutt, Walter Almond, David Anderson, Ray Almond, W. T. Broadway, Howard Edwards, Johnny Edwards, Dennis Pressley, David Dix, Ted Myers, Edward Willard, Gradon Helms, Truby High, Wilson Greene, Gene Herrin, Tim Herrrin, Randy Williams, Warren Griffin, Reid Shue, Lane Vanhoy, Clarence Smith, Edsel Thomas, Clayton Griffin, Jimmy Helms, R. W. Knight, Barry Cole, Grayson Auman, Carl Haigler, Ken Austin, C. W. Helms, Johnny Arey and Wayne Ravely.

6. Called for visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder Tony Parker, Elder Worth Stephenson, Elder Fred Williams, Brother Kenneth Stephenson, Brother Charles Helms, Sister Gail Parker, Sister Christine Hamilton, Sister Pearl Hines.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: No correspondence.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Brother Quay Johnson, Brother Charles Johnson.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: No correspondence.

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: Elder James Cooper, Elder J. B. Huskey, Brother Elvin Dick.

ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY: Elder Steve Greene, Brother & Sister Ray Mallicoat, Brother & Sister Dewey Hembree, Brother Zirkle Johnston, Sister Jeraldine Williams, Sister Mattie Lee Rains, Brother Bryan Hopper, Brother & Sister Henry Wolfenbarger, Sister Cassa Tipton, Sister Celeste Tipton.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder Ricky Harcrow, Elder & Sister Guy Hunt, Elder & Sister Mitchell Phillips.

SOUTH ARKANSAS: Minutes.

7. Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not have direct correspondence and gladly received the following:
KETOCTON ASSN.(VA): Elder J. R. Kosch.
MT. ZION ASSN. (WV): Elder Franklin Oresta
ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSN.(GA): Elder & Sister W.R. "Bob" Scott, Elder Manning Temples.
OCHLOCHNEE ASSN. (GA): Elder & Sister C. A. Blanton.
ANTIOCH ASSN. (AL): Sister Elsie Hemmert.
MT. ENON ASSN. (FL): Brother & Sister Henry Horne.
OLD LINE WEST COAST ASSN. (OR): Elder & Sister E. L. Horne.
SANDUSKY ASSN. (OH): Sister Jane-ella Pitney.
OZIAS ASSN. (GA): Brother & Sister Colvin Moseley.
CHILHOWIE CHURCH (VA): Elder J. D. Cleek.
BLACK CREEK CHURCH (SC): Elder Robert Dobson.
COLUMBIA CHURCH (MD): Sister Treva Mattia.
ELGIN CROSSROAD CHURCH (AL): Elder Randy Dillon.
LITTLE CREEK CHURCH (SC): Elder Charles Crapse.
PINE CHURCH: Brother Clarence Brown.
NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Elder Milton Gunter.
FLAT CREEK CHURCH: Elder & Sister Gene Hogan.
RAY'S FORK CHURCH (KY): Brother & Sister Kenneth Ratcliff.
ABBOTT'S CREEK CHURCH: Elder & Sister Steven Nichols, Brother Justin Nichols, Sister Andrea Nichols.
AFTON ROAD CHURCH (VA): Elder Dan Parker, Sister Mary Griffin, Sister Bessie Smith, Sister Bernice Handy, Sister Margaret Lunsford, Sister Etta Jennings.
CEDAR GROVE CHURCH: Elder Johnnie Duggins.
JULIAN HILL CHURCH: Sister Lena Terrell, Sister May Joy Massey, Brother Ricky Massey.
COMMUNITY CHURCH (VA): Brother O'Bain Hylton.

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother Paul Lemon.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows: (It is understood that any member of our association may represent us at any association).

LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA, (4th week-end, Sept.): Elder Joe Helms, Elder Larry Austin, Elder Roy Speir, Brother Truby High, Brother Clayton Griffin, Brother R. W. Knight.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA, (1st week-end, Sept.): Minutes.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Minutes.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA, (3rd week-end, Aug.): Minutes.

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Rommie Williams, Elder Roy Speir.

ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY, (3rd week-end, Aug.): Elder Larry Austin, Elder Roy Speir, Brother Lane Vanhoy, Brother Ed Pressley, Brother Ken Austin.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Larry Austin, Elder Rommie Williams, Elder E. W. Hooven, Brother Lane Vanhoy, Brother Truby High.

SOUTH ARKANSAS, (3rd week-end, Sept.): Brother Jim Briscoe.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder Bill Toungate was appointed to write the corresponding letter to be approved at our Saturday meeting.

11.Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting continuing at the Agri-Civic Center.

Prayer by Elder Randy Dillon

Saturday, September 16, 2000

The association met according to adjournment at 9:30 a.m. at the Agri-Civic Center. After prayer by Elder Rommie Williams the business continued as follows:

12. We acknowledged visitors who had arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under items six and seven.

13. Called for the report of the finance committee:

Received from the churches.....$ 7,190.00

Received from friends.....$ 539.00

Total receipts.....$ 7,729.00

14. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from other associations as usual.

15. Called for the corresponding letter which was read and approved and the clerk was instructed to include it in the minutes.

16. Extended invitation for the churches of the association to request 5th Sunday meetings and granted the following:

October 2000.....Pleasant Hill
December 2000.....High Point
April 2001.....Herrin's Grove
July 2001.....Bethel
September 2001.....Mountain Creek

17. Unanimously agreed by move, second and vote to hold the next session of the association with High Point Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 2001 and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon. All three days will be held at the Agri-Civic Center in Albemarle, NC.

18. Unanimously agreed to have 1525 copies of the minutes printed and that the clerk superintend same.

19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that required in item 18 to the ministers present and any other expenses the finance committee may deem expedient.

20. Unanimously agreed to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His mercy and loving kindness and to the members and friends of Crooked Creek Church for their unselfish labors during this meeting. We, also, wish to thank Mr. Leon Warren, manager of the Agri-Civic Center, and his staff for their kind assistance.

Prayer by Elder Newell Helms

Elder Larry Austin, moderator
Brother W. T. Broadway, clerk
Brother Ken Austin, assistant clerk
Brother Tim Herrin, assistant clerk

CLERK'S NOTE

It has been my high pleasure to serve as your assistant clerk since 1977. Although I am still blessed with good health, I felt that it was best that I step aside to let a younger brother serve as assistant clerk.

I want to thank all of you for your assistance and kind advice over the years, and I appreciate the fact that you have been so gracious when I made errors in compiling the minutes.

Please continue to pray for peace among our churches, pray for one another and pray for me. I love you all.

Ken Austin

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Received from the churches	$ 7,190.00
Received from friends	$ 539.00
Total receipts	$7,729.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing minutes and other clerk's expenses	$ 800.00
Ministers and miscellaneous expense	$ 6,929.00
Total disbursements	$ 7,729.00

Corresponding Letter

To our corresponding associations, churches and friends:

This year 2000, this new millenium, may we all lovingly remember the exhortation of our Lord, "love thy neighbor as thyself", especially the household of faith. May this continue to be the theme in our hearts; never forgetting or forsaking the old paths taught us by our precious redeemer, Jesus Christ.

We covet the spirit of God in our correspondence with our sister associations. Please continue your visitation as God in His providence may direct you to do so. May the love of Jesus and the spirit of fellowship and peace be a way of life for all of us.

Please remember us in your prayers and may the rich truth of the gospel of our Lord embrace and encompass you about.

In brotherly love
Elder John (Bill) Toungate

In Memoriam

Precious to us are the memories of those that have passed this life since our last meeting. We sorrow with their families and we anticipate that day when we will all meet again.

Bethel Church	Sister Ethel Lewis Sister Florence Ward Sister Ellen Suggs Sister Bernice Jones Sister Virginia Mintz Sister Lessie Hardie Brother Norwood Lewis
High Point Church	Sister Emma Clinard
Lawyer's Spring Church	Deacon Orlin Stewart Brother Preston Hasty
Liberty Hill Church	Sister Mary White Sister Bessie Helms
Meadow Creek Church	Sister Odessa Hatley
Mills Chapel Church	Brother Bud Rutledge
Mountain Creek Church	Sister Donna Vanhoy Sister Margie Efird
Parkview Church	Sister Mary Lauten Sister Pat Rash
Pleasant Grove Church	Sister Myrtle Newsome Sister Mae Tarlton
Pleasant Hill Church	Sister Myrtle Auman Sister Nora Rose Brother Burgess Lucas Sister Margaret Cole
Union Grove Church	Brother Gene Little Brother Keith Ledbetter

CHURCHES	PASTORS
High Point	Elder Steven Nichols
Meadow Creek	Elder Roy Speir
Pleasant Hill	Elder Richard Kirby
High Hill	Elder Newell Helms
Parkview	Elder E.W. Hooven
Liberty Hill	Elder Rom Kerley
Pleasant Grove	Elder Joe C. Helms
Union Grove	Elder Newell Helms
Bear Creek	Elder Roy Speir
Mountain Creek	Elder Joe C. Helms
Lawyer's Spring	Elder Joe C. Helms
Crooked Creek	Elder Larry Austin
Bethel	Elder Newell Helms
Corinth	Elder Rommie Williams
Herrin's Grove	Elder Charles Broadway
Mills Chapel	Elder Rom Kerley
New Hope	Elder Rommie Williams

AL TABLE

	Communion Sundays	Rec'd. by baptism	Rec'd. by relation	Rec'd. by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total membership	Contributions
	4th May						2	1	57	$ 450.00
	1st Jun							1	37	$ 400.00
	3rd Jun			2				4	35	$ 450.00
	1st Sep			1			3		71	$ 450.00
	3rd May	4			1		3	2	93	$ 500.00
	1st Jul	2			1			2	74	$ 475.00
	2nd Jul							2	45	$ 350.00
	2nd Aug		2		2	1		2	142	$ 700.00
	2nd Aug					2			25	$ 350.00
	3rd Jul						1	2	56	$ 730.00
	1st Aug					3		2	46	$ 375.00
	4th Jul		1	2					36	$ 350.00
	4th Jun	1	1		2		1	7	59	$ 350.00
	1st May								13	$ 200.00
	4th Jun	6		1					22	$ 350.00
	2nd Jun	1		2				1	53	$ 350.00
	4th Aug						4		7	$ 250.00
TOTALS		14	4	8	6	6	14	26	871	$7,190.00

ORDER OF SERVICE

Friday morning:

Prayer: Elder Charles Smith
Elder Larry Austin – Mark 8:18
Prayer: Elder E. W. Hooven

Friday afternoon:

Prayer: Elder Bill Toungate
Elder Randy Dillon – Mark 16:15
Elder Ricky Harcrow – Psalms 46:4
Elder Johnnie Duggins – "No greater God"
Elder Robert Dobson – Matt. 13:15
Prayer: Elder Newell Helms

Friday night:

Prayer: Elder Charles Crapse
Elder J. D. Cleek – John 21:14
Elder Franklin Oresta – Mark 9:1-4
Prayer: Elder James Cooper

Saturday morning:

Prayer: Elder Michael Meek
Elder James Cooper – Gal. 6:6
Elder Steve Greene – I Cor. 15:1-2
Elder J. B. Husky – I Cor. 6:9-10
Prayer: Elder J. R. Kosch

Saturday afternoon:

Prayer: Elder Milton Gunter
Elder Fred Williams – Matt. 16:18
Elder Manning Temples – Acts 4:8-11
Prayer: Elder Gene Hogan
Elder J. R. Kosch – Col. 2:20
Elder Dan Parker – I Cor. 15:19
Prayer: Brother Alan Medlin

Saturday night:

Prayer: Elder Richard Kirby
Elder Bob Scott – Isa. 42:1
Elder Tony Parker – Matt. 11:1-4
Prayer: Elder Joe Helms

Sunday morning:

Prayer: Elder C. A. Blanton
Elder Mitchell Phillips – Lam. 3:21
Elder E. L. Horne – Isa. 40:1
Elder Guy Hunt – II Cor. 10:5
Elder Worth Stephenson – Psalms 1:1
Prayer: Elder E. W. Hooven

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CHURCHES MEETING TIMES

BEAR CREEK: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before; 4th Sunday night, Pastor.
BETHEL: 1st Sunday morning, Elder Austin; 2nd Sunday morning, minister by invitation; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Saunders; 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.
CORINTH: 1st Sunday morning, Pastor; 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Stack.
CROOKED CREEK: 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Smith; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.
HERRIN'S GROVE: 1st Sunday morning; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.
HIGH HILL: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.
HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday morning; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, Pastor.
LAWYER'S SPRING: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor, 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Williams.
LIBERTY HILL: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.
MEADOW CREEK: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms; 4th Sunday morning, pastor.
MILLS CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before; 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.
MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Williams.
NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Smith.
PARKVIEW: 1st Sunday morning; 2nd Sunday morning; 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.
PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Kerley.
PLEASANT HILL: 1st Sunday morning; 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.
UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Hooven.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election: that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subject of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of thee ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING
THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever church this association is being held, it is under the authority of the hostess church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the church invites the ministers and messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that church shall be the officers of the association, provided the pastor is member of the association, and if not, the church shall elect any member of the association to preside as moderator. The church may request the help of any member of another sister church to assist in the business transactions of the associations.

3. This association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship before it has been passed upon by the local churches shall be considered out of order by the church with which the association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The finance committee shall disburse the funds on hand as the association shall so direct. The body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the association except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each church composing this association in the form of a minute.